

## ABSTRACT

Using a Communications Network in Arranging Shipment of Goods  
According to a Buyer's Preferences

5 The present invention is a system and method for using a  
communications network in arranging transportation of goods  
according to a buyer's preferences. The invention uses a computer  
system and network, and may use server computers, and a buyer's  
10 client computer. The invention involves receiving a request or  
order to purchase goods, along with a request for shipment of the  
goods via a buyer's preferred delivery agency, and fulfilling the  
request or order by shipping said goods via said buyer's  
preferred delivery agency. One aspect of the present invention is  
15 a method for using a communications network in arranging shipment  
of goods according to a buyer's preferences. Another aspect of  
the present invention is a system for executing the method of the  
present invention. A third aspect of the present invention is as  
a set of instructions on a computer-usable medium, or resident in  
20 a computer system, for executing the method of the present  
invention.